



Dear Coach Gaines,

It seems like just yesterday I was under those lights, back in Odessa playing football for you. The time has certainly gone by, but my memories of our time together have remained strong and will be intact forever. How is life down at Permian High School? Mike informed me awhile back you were in the running for the AD position at Lubbock. What's the status of that? As you can see, I'm very happy with my life, and Harvard has treated me admirably. I will be graduating next month with a BA in Government, and will be enrolling next year at Texas Tech to pursue my PhD in Jurisprudence. I believe my dream of opening my very own law firm in Odessa will soon become a reality.

Upon graduation I have been reflecting on who I am and those who have helped lead me through my endeavors of life. You're a role model, worthy of emulation, and there is no doubt in my mind that without the leadership qualities and moral values I obtained from Permian football, I would not be anywhere close to where I am today. You have instilled a need for responsibility, a diligent work ethic, and a desire for more knowledge, in everything I do. I cannot recollect meeting anyone else who matches the integrity, dedication, and enthusiasm, you bring. The aptitude and capabilities of my life are infinite because of the goals you helped me believe I can achieve.

I've experienced many successes at Permian, and here at Harvard, but I'm well aware my greatest feats and achievements in life are yet to come. Your notion that there's more to life than playing football was hard for me to grasp in high school, but after going for the last 4 years without playing, I'm starting to see what you intended. Although I still miss our times spent together and the muggy Friday nights, I'll still have a part of MOJO in me forever. It's hard to acknowledge sometimes that I am growing up and maturing so quickly, but you have enabled me to become a better person, and I want to thank you for that. With a bit of luck, our paths will cross again someday and I will see you again. Hope all is well with you and your family.

Best Regards,

*Brian Chavez*